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MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2004 AT 5:30 – 8:00 PM

**CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

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MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128

COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Meeting of November 17, 2004*

III. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - *3 Minutes Each Speaker*

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) – *Oscar Camejo, MPO UPWP Project Manager*

B. PEOPLES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE – *Lyn Harris, MDT*

C. PTP UPDATE

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

VII. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

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IX. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

X. ADJOURNMENT

MPO Committee Meeting Dates:

CTAC Subcommittee	1/12/05
CTAC Full Committee	1/26/05
MPO Governing Board	No Meeting
TPC	1/10/05
IPTAC	1/05/05
BPAC	1/28/05
TARC	1/05/05

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2004

CTAC ATTENDANCE:

Mike Hatcher, Chair

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Rolando Acosta

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Ruben D. Almaguer, MPO Board Member

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat

Paul Chance, MPO

Denny R. Wood, Citizen

Moss Miles, CITT

Nan Markowitz, Director OCITT

Virginia Diaz, OCITT

Robert Wilcosky, Community Council 12

David Tinder, MDCPW

Delfin A. Molins, MDPW

Clinton Forbes, MDT

Seraphin Bernard, MDT

Oscar Camejo, MPO Staff

Mr. Mike Hatcher, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Martin Nash moved the agenda and the motion was seconded by Andrea Young. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Wartman moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Joe Fontana. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. WELCOME NEW CTAC MEMBERS

No new members

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miles Moss, CITT Board Member, expressed his thanks to the five CTAC members that volunteered for the School Flasher Committee. The purpose of this committee is to improve traffic safety at Dade County Schools. He also reminded CTAC members that the next School Flashers meeting is January 13, 2005.

Ruben D. Almaguer, MPO Board Member, introduced himself to the CTAC members and stated he looked forward to working with them on transportation issues facing the County.

Denny R. Wood expressed his safety access issues concerning a new curb that does not have a curb cut. It is located one block away from the bus stop, which leaves people in a wheel chair unable to access the bus stop on SW 106 Avenue. He presented a number of pictures with several different areas exhibiting his concerns. He asked MDT to remove all of the bus stops that are not ADA compliant. Mr. Wood also asked for the elevators that are not in use at the train stations be dropped to the bottom floor for citizens with disabilities. This will enable them to get a better start at catching the train.

Chair Mike Hatcher assured Mr. Wood that CTAC members are advocates for the disabled. CTAC is working with MDT and Public Works to make sure that no citizen is left behind in the transportation planning process. The Chair then asked Clinton Forbes, Assistant to the Director of MDT, to come up and address Mr. Wood's concerns.

Mr. Forbes confirmed Mr. Wood's request by stating, "Any bus stops that is not ADA compatible will and has been removed." Mr. Forbes went on to say that MDT has gone out to the facilities that Mr. Woods has expressed concern with and found that the sites are in compliance with ADA. There is documentation that these bus stops are in compliant. In reference to the elevator, Mr. Forbes has a draft resolution waiting to be signed by the MDT Director. MDT is very sensitive to ADA issues according to Mr. Forbes.

Public Works also came up to address the issues of sidewalks and bus shelters not being ADA complaint. David Tinder, Public Works Peoples Transportation Plan (PTP) Coordinator, explained that the bus stops that are not connected with the sidewalk system are being worked on with the PTP dollars. A total of 4 million dollars has been set aside to address ADA compliance for bus stops that are not in compliant.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Oscar Camejo, MPO UPWP Project Manager, described the UPWP as a transportation planning guide of activities for the fiscal year which starts July 1st and ends June 30th. He reminded members that he sent out a call for ideas brochure. "If you have any ideas on how we can present on solving transportation related problems that we have in this community in a form of a planning study the deadline will be January 14, 2005," stated Mr. Camejo. His main reason for attending the meeting was to address any concerns CTAC members may have or if anyone was ready to submit their ideas.

B. PEOPLES TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

The presenter Lyn Harris, Special Assistant to MDT Director, was unable to attend the CTAC meeting due to a family emergency. She asked if she can make a comprehensive presentation at the next CTAC meeting in January. Mr. Forbes filled in to present members with some brief updates. He informed CTAC members that MDT has identified its top three priority transit corridors through the Long Range Transportation plan (LRTP): the North Corridor; the East West Corridor from FIU to the MIC; and the Earlington Heights MIC connector. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has made a commitment of 100 million dollars for the Earlington Heights MIC project. MDT will be able to build this project using only local funds.

C. PTP ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Nan Markowitz, CITT Executive Director, gave a presentation on where the CITT is in relation to the PTP and how they are working with Public Works, the BCC, and MDT. She also explained the operations of the CITT and their meeting dates.

Mr. Tinder gave a presentation on the PTP and Public Works. Public Works has 476 million dollars made up of two components: to plan major highway/road improvements at 309 million dollars and the neighborhood improvements at 167 millions. One of the things that Public Works has done with their share of the PTP funds is start a pilot program "Illuminated Street Signs." There are 17 intersections that have large these new street signs. He also informed members of Public Work's operations.

Mr. Forbes presented the following important facts about MDT:

- 14th largest transit Department in the Country
- Largest transit department in the State of Florida
- 970 active buses
- 136 Metrorail cars
- 29 Metromover cars
- On November 21st MDT implemented its largest bus expansion in its history at one time
- 1,500 new bus stop signs have been installed and by 2005 MDT will have replaced all 9,000 signs
- All 136 Metrorail cars will be redesigned with a sleek look to them.
- The new buses will also have a sleek look to them

Mr. Forbes expressed that MDT wants the citizens to be excited to ride public transportation. MDT is also concerned about the health of the MDT employees, so they have begun a health program for employees.

Miles Moss expanded on the CITT duties of reviewing amendments and contracts when they are passed by the Board County Commissioners (BCC).

There was a question and answer period between presenters and CTAC members at which time CTAC member, Emma Pringle, requested that the minutes show her concerns for the 27 Max, 27 Calder, and the 27A.

The Chair encouraged CTAC members to attend the upcoming CITT meetings and if members cannot attend, please submit a written comment.

VIII. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE

The Chair made everyone aware that the MPO Winter Newsletter is available and that it features all the citizen committees, especially CTAC.

On January 12, 2005, CTAC will hold its first Subcommittee meeting of the year at the Miami Beach North Shore Youth Center.

He reminded everyone that staff is working on a regional meeting with Broward and West Palm for the 14th of April.

IX. CTAC SECRETARIAT'S REPORT

Elizabeth Rockwell explained to the CTAC members that there have been three new MPO Board members added to the MPO Board. For CTAC members that were appointed by a former MPO Board member, staff will be setting up a meeting for them to meet with their newly appointed MPO Board members.

X. MEMBER REPORTS ON OTHER MEETINGS RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION

Naomi Wright spoke to the audience encouraging the "right" people to apply to sit on the CITT.

XI. NEW BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON THE CTAC WORKING LIST

Martin Nash made a motion for a Resolution recommending the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) properly fund existing transit service and that no Peoples' Transportation Plan (PTP) funds be utilized to support transit service that existed prior to the passage of the PTP referendum. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Wander.

Ms. Markowitz asked if the Resolution could be reconsider or postponed until after the CITT meeting on December 29, 2004.

Mr. Glasgow made a friendly amendment stating "and that no Peoples' Transportation Plan (PTP) funds ever be utilized" should be added. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Nash. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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